## REMARKS

Claims 1-6 and 16-17 and 21-28 are pending in this application. Claims 1 and 22 are amended herein. Claims 7-15 were previously canceled and claims 18-20 are canceled herein. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the claims in view of the following remarks.

An information disclosure statement is attached hereto and adds prior art references cited in the co-pending parent application. The claims are amended herein and are believed to be allowable over the prior art of record.

Applicant has made a diligent effort to place the claims in condition for allowance. However, should there remain unresolved issues that require adverse action, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone Mark E. Courtney, Applicant's attorney, at 972-732-1001 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible. No fee is believed due in connection with this filing. However, should one be deemed due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1065.

Respectfully submitted,

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